IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hans Blaser and Armin Zöbeli

Serial No.: N/A Art Unit: N/A

Filed: Herewith Confirmation No.: N/A

Title: DEVICE FOR PROCESSING BANK NOTE-LIKE OBJECTS

Examiner: N/A Docket No.: FRG-32823US1.002

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Patent Application P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria. VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

The Examiner's attention is directed to the references listed on the attached PTO Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of the references was previously submitted or cited in the parent application, Serial No. 09/600,927, filed on September 20, 2000, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Therefore, according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), a copy of the cited references is not required, and is not included herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

RANKIN, HILL, PORTER & CLARK LLP

Paul R. Katterle/Reg. No. 36563

700 Huntington Building 925 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1405 (216) 566-9700 Customer No. 40854

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 23313-1450, on the pate inflicated below.

Signature of Person Mailing Paper

February 4, 2004

Paul R. Katterle

Date

Printed Name of Person Mailing Paper

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB

Substitut	te for form 1449A	/PTO		Complete if Known			
				Application Number	N/A		
INFO	PRMATIC	IN DI	SCLOSURE	Filing Date	Herewith		
STA.	TEMENT	BY A	APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Hans Blaser		
= + + -			,	Art Unit	N/A		
((use as many s	sheets as	necessary)	Examiner Name	N/A		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	FRG-32823US1.002		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials		Document Number Number - Kind Code ² (if known	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		US- 5,624,017 US- 2001-0015309		Plesko Ikuta, Yoshiaki		
		us- 6,325,370		Crotti et al.		
		us- 5,653,438		Crowley et al.		
·		us- 4,922,109	(hypothering the state protection affiliately the system Annihar to	Bercovitz et al.		
	-	US- US-	ena todore não senários uno e co electror a rel ibere	Marien sadarinansis talaunin ni maski Pitanik maskun dalauni		
		US-	Mitrosoft Philadermale was control Provinces devices abbet Verse, der Welle a.	art helicent die de melde heute meeste de helice voor - contens method is 24 million voor helice in 15 million voor helice de content in 15 million voor helice	***************************************	
		US-				
		US-				
		US- US-				
		US-				
		US- US-				
		US-				
		US-				
.		US-		semantife or mate sourcess. See successions responsible manifestation and the section assumptions and semantic		
1	l	US-			İ	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner		Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
Initials		Country Code 3 -Number 4 - Kind Code 5 (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document		T6
		EP 606 959 A2				
		GB 2 058 607 A	an annual service with the service which the service with			
		DE 27 60 165 C2				-
*****************		DE 27 29 830	material research and a second responsible of the second research		*****************************	-
5 - A		The state of the s				-
			the second secon			
	<u> </u>					
	1					1

Examiner		Date	
Signature	 	Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the appropriate symbols as indicated on the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.